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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 810
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Herbert L. Lewis, Jr. of
Columbia, Maury County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Herbert L. Lewis, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was an exemplary citizen and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life of his fellow Tennesseans in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cannon County, he was the son of the late Herbert L. Lewis, Sr. and Clatie Bush Lewis; he graduated from Central High School in Coffee County and attended Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, this patriotic American answered the call of duty and served in the United States Army, making an invaluable contribution to the defense of our nation and our freedom; and

WHEREAS, he thus holds a respected position among the generation of heroes that have rightfully come to be known as our "Greatest Generation"; and

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WHEREAS, a farmer by trade, Mr. Lewis founded Herbert Lewis Tractor Company in Columbia in 1952; he quickly earned the respect of his clients and peers for his integrity, character, dedication to his customers, and the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, his Ford-New Holland dealership became known as a farmer-friendly supplier of farm products and farm services, and Herbert Lewis Tractor Company became a premier enterprise in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected leader in his profession, he served on the Board of Directors of the Mid-South Tractor Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional endeavors, Herbert Lewis was a very active member of his community and participated in the Herbert Griffin American Legion Post 19, Al Menah Maury County Shrine Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Masonic Lodge in Manchester, and he was an active participant in political affairs to the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he was a member of the West End Baptist Church, where he was an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of Betty Ray Lewis, and he was the dedicated father of John R. Lewis and the late Herbert Lewis III and the proud grandfather of Lauren Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Herbert L. Lewis, Jr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Herbert L. Lewis, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lewis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.